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SUBJECT: REVOLUTION DAY IN ASMARA

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1. REVOLUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS IN ASMARA BEGAN WITH 21-GUN SALUTE AT DAWN, FOLLOWING NIGHT OF LIGHT, SPORADIC FIRING AND EXPLOSIONS. CALM PREVAILED UNTIL ABOUT 8:30 A.M. WHEN SEVERAL EXPLOSIONS RESOUNDED THROUGHOUT CITY FOLLOWED BY RANDOM FIRING. QUIET RETURNED BY 9:30 A.M. BUT TENSIONS AGAIN HEIGHTENED.

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2. REPORTEDLY FRONT SAPPERS TOSSED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AT

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY AT VARIOUS POINTS IN CITY. EPMG SECURITY FORCES RESONDED WITH INDISCRIMINATE FIRING IN AREAS OF DETONATIONS. EARLY REPORTS CLAIM THREE OR FOUR DEAD, AND 50 WOUNDED ARE IN LOCAL HOSPITALS.

3. INSURGENT ATTACKS DID NOT CAUSE ANY MAJOR DISRUPTIONS TO SCHEDULED REVOLUTION DAY CEREMONIES, SPEECHES AND PARADES. CONSULAR CORPS, CONTRARY TO EARLIER INDICATIONS, DID ATTEND REQUIRED CEREMONIES, THOUGH AMCONGEN WAS NOT REPRESENTED, EXCUSING OURSELVES TO BG GETACHEW DUE TO KIDNAPPING OF TWO AMERICANS FROM KAGNEW TRACT DELTA. RESIDENTS REPORTEDLY DISPLAYED MINIMAL ENTHUSIASM FOR CELEBRATION.

4. MID-AFTERNOON RECON OF TOWN BY CONGEN OFFICER REVEALED ATMOSPHERE OF UNUSUALLY SUBDUED CALM; MANY POLICE BUT FEW MILITARY IN EVIDENCE, AND MOST STORES SHUTTERED FOR HOLIDAY. SHERRY

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